

# **LaSalle Chemical Plant Fire**

## **Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group Meeting**

**February 23, 2023**

## Agenda

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- **Contacts**
- **Situation Update(s)**
- **Schedule**

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# Situation Updates

- Great progress has been made on cleanup, demolition, and disposal over the last week.
- Air Monitoring continues along our fence line and direct on response workers; results are consistently within acceptable limits. Data has been shared with IDPH.
- Fire contaminated debris has been properly profiled and is leaving the site. To date 18 fire impacted debris boxes, 14 metal scrap loads, and 1 sludge box have left the site for disposal. We have a number of shipments scheduled in the coming days.
- All contact water/liquid remains contained in our Emergency Containment Pond. We have worked with the City of LaSalle, IEPA, and USEPA to develop a plan for onsite treatment. An onsite wastewater treatment plant has been installed and is treating the liquid. We have submitted samples to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party lab and are awaiting verification results of the treatment. We expect to begin discharging to the City POTW on Monday.
- Davies Group continues to handle claims for affected residents. Information is available on our Carus website.
- We continue to have regular update calls with USEPA and IEPA (Bureau of Water, Bureau of Land).

# Updates

- City of La Salle

- City council meeting on Wednesday, air filters sampled by sierra club, high levels of metals, no agency has seen the study yet. City test 6 homes swabs/soil. Still concerns about eating food out of the garden (IDPH recommended possibly raised beds), USEPA Superfund cleaned up and sampled many of these properties including garden/raised beds.

- La Salle County (EMA, Health)

- Nothing from EMA or Health, helping with general fact sheets, hand delivered but left at their house.

- State of Illinois (EPA, DPH, DNR)

- IDPH shared results w/Mrs. Hicks, county health hand delivered letters w/results. Illinois Bureau of water – waiting for permit, city of la salle sign-off, PE sign-off (should be done soon).

Illinois Bureau of land – no new information

- U.S. EPA

# Communications

- City/County

<https://www.lasalle-il.gov/updates-regarding-carus-chemical-fire>

FAQ document

- Company

<https://www.carusllc.com/carus-llc-fire-news-updates/>

- Illinois EPA/DPH

- US EPA

<https://response.epa.gov/lasallechemicalfire>

- Press

- <https://www.shawlocal.com/news-tribune/news/2023/02/22/la-salle-to-test-6-more-residences-for-chemicals-in-the-aftermath-of-carus-fire/>
- <https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2023-02-17/toxics/groups-epa-others-need-to-step-up-oversight-of-chemical-plants/a82999-1>

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- **Schedule**

- **Last MAC Group meeting – 3/2 @ 1000**
  - **Contact Bureau of Land re: cleanup**
  - **Contact Bureau of Water re: water treatment**
- **Daily brief at training trailer @ 1500**